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¶11. (SBU) The following is the latest SITREP covering Australia's response to the H1N1 outbreak.

¶12. (SBU) Government Response: Australian pandemic response posture has not changed since June 17. Australia reached 100 deaths related to H1N1 infection on August 12. Media reports claimed on 11 August that an Adelaide vaccine company, Vaxine, expects to report final effectiveness results of a pandemic H1N1 vaccine by mid-October. There were no details on the origin of the vaccine. Australian company Biota announced successful trials had been completed in Asia of a new anti-viral, laninamivir, and that the drug - which supposedly requires only a single dose - was close to reaching the Australian market. Aboriginal and Torres Straits Islanders make up nearly 13 percent of both deaths and hospitalizations related to H1N1 in Australia, although they are only three percent of the population.

¶13. (SBU) Case Count: Australia has confirmed a total of 28,307 pandemic H1N1 (2009) influenza cases since the first detention in Australia. There have been 3371 hospitalizations and 100 deaths attributed to the pandemic.

¶14. (SBU) Post Actions: Post continues to monitor the H1N1 situation in Australia.

¶15. (SBU) Consular Issues: As of August 12, there are no reported consular issues involving H1N1.

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